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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State: at 30.6.1962

Males - 384,132 Females - 370,345 Persons - 754,477

Metropolitan: at 30.6.1962

Persons - 431,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	OCTOBER				Ten Months ended OCTOBER			
	1962		1961		1962		1961	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	554	8.58	485	7.69	4,566	7.28	4,325	7.05
Births	1,566	24.26	1,530	24.27	14,554	23.19	14,502	23.63
Deaths	554	8.60	495	7.85	5,005	7.98	4,834	7.88
Infant Mort- ality (b)	35	22.35	33	21.57	320	21.99	281	19.38

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER		OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	4,963	3,529	17,592	15,520	10,378	15,551	39,278	49,386
Interstate	15,484	8,795	46,355	34,714	4,350	2,926	16,019	15,755
Total:	20,447	12,324	63,947	50,234	14,728	18,477	55,297	65,141

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	NOVEMBER		Eleven Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated	61,598	177,652	1,199,599	892,979
Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued by Lands Department	45,804	82,905	16,125,678	6,748,486

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	6,007,000	7,340,654	28,450,709	30,595,431
Revenue per Head of Population	7.9	9.9	37.4	41.3
Expenditure	7,113,661	7,206,917	32,945,722	31,459,244
Expenditure per Head of Population	9.3	9.7	43.3	42.5

SAVINGS BANKS

Amounts due to Depositors	At the end of NOVEMBER		
	1962	1961	1960
	£	£	£
Total	97,991,696	85,679,671	81,349,488
Per Head of Population	128.1	115.1	111.5

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings (£ million)											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1960	21.4	22.0	22.3	19.4	22.3	21.7	21.7	21.7	22.7	23.8	24.0	25.5
1961	25.5	22.7	23.4	23.5	24.0	21.6	23.1	21.6	23.2	24.6	23.8	26.9
1962	25.9	26.5	26.4	24.8	25.9	24.1	26.3	24.6	24.8	27.2	26.3	-

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Transfers	No.	2,021	1,730	10,620	8,651
	£	5,218,954	3,075,441	24,172,920	15,953,650
Mortgages	No.	1,620	1,399	8,121	6,847
	£	4,526,100	2,974,838	20,576,596	14,496,308
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,157	1,102	6,095	5,291

SALE OF GOODS AND SALES TAX COLLECTED

Item	Period of Receipt of Return			
	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sales Exempt from Tax	13,788	12,868	70,628	59,706
Net Taxable Sales	5,657	5,202	28,221	23,859
Tax Collected	748	754	3,820	3,606

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Local	No.	15	27	246	161
Nominal Capital	£.	407,000	2,346,000	22,422,000	10,236,000
Foreign	No.	8	6	78	62

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Five Months ended NOVEMBER					
	1962			1961		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	78	£ 123,388	£ 18,007	70	£ 112,534	£ 34,411
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	38	158,994	136,906	46	171,847	141,000

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

Operations of the State Government Railways (including the Railway Road Service)

Item	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Gross Earnings £	1,239,500	1,489,500	5,086,000	5,912,800
Operating Expenses £	1,295,264	1,326,174	5,242,425	5,386,776
Train Miles Run	605,295	667,824	2,459,393	2,714,153
Motor Bus Miles	(a) 124,596	(b) 124,792	(c) 450,982	(d) 421,997
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train	1,043,876	1,090,131	4,102,852	4,307,372
Motor Bus	24,082	21,514	91,909	87,704
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	300,027	397,328	1,307,418	1,695,991
Free (Departmental)	54,129	52,893	217,922	203,322
Livestock	17,300	17,304	52,670	52,993
Total:	371,456	467,525	1,578,010	1,952,306
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	48,400,728	62,039,544	208,131,898	260,793,548
Free (Departmental)	6,145,049	5,497,847	23,267,968	23,108,900
Livestock	2,228,120	2,433,719	7,571,832	7,644,913
Total:	56,773,897	69,971,110	238,971,698	291,547,361

(a) 4 weeks ended 6th October

(b) 4 weeks ended 7th October

(c) Period 1st July to 6th October

(d) Period 1st July to 7th October

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item	OCTOBER		Ten Months ended OCTOBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Quantity Fine oz.	72,594	83,583	714,568	716,650
Value (Aust. Currency) £	1,134,275	1,305,983	11,165,127	11,197,653
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £	-	-	1,162,226	1,254,026

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
1961	6,947	1,871	2,221	30	591	10,670	3,228	5,104	70	903
1961 -										
October	644	172	189	1	37	989	316	469	3	54
November	655	155	190	4	51	1,031	290	497	5	71
December	591	176	187	4	50	1,001	335	447	6	84
1962 -										
January	635	166	158	-	75	979	290	390	4	94
February	759	172	246	4	63	1,105	302	486	17	92
March	848	237	271	3	68	1,208	389	577	8	94
April	737	182	205	4	40	1,122	300	456	8	64
May	980	295	281	6	68	1,354	418	552	13	87
June	1,173	274	282	3	41	1,669	447	538	8	71
July	778	250	238	6	42	1,206	386	529	8	62
August	1,131	329	214	5	37	1,709	475	457	7	54
September	976	328	214	2	46	1,473	520	462	11	59
October	1,140	386	232	4	71	1,696	576	572	6	94

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
1961 -								
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
December	93,110	27,135	576	8,486	143,827	71,934	1,264	12,244
1962 -								
January	94,350	27,325	576	8,530	143,365	70,646	1,154	12,004
February	94,838	27,343	575	8,489	144,999	71,482	1,265	12,096
March	95,316	27,363	575	8,443	146,507	72,227	1,272	12,164
April	96,419	27,495	582	8,440	147,078	71,880	1,272	11,954
May	97,079	27,502	585	8,369	149,071	72,848	1,284	12,041
June	97,977	27,490	585	8,285	151,013	73,454	1,294	12,052
July	100,562	27,996	594	8,244	150,433	71,627	1,290	11,588
August	101,532	27,960	599	8,152	152,559	71,950	1,286	11,480
September	102,363	27,960	604	8,121	154,890	72,729	1,295	11,587
October	104,137	28,200	608	8,144	156,142	72,604	1,294	11,411

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
30/10/61 (a)	14.	18.	9	11.	4.	1	14.	17.	3
							11.	2.	11
							14.	11.	6
							10.	18.	8

(a) The rates declared to operate from this date have not subsequently been varied.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
October, 1962	18,667	1,921	161,940	140,839	23,850
1961	14,957	1,542	144,261	183,561	28,754
4 Months ended October, 1962	94,516	8,735	535,715	392,393	93,392
1961	79,033	5,538	493,650	540,825	95,307

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
October, 1962	3,681	90	3,017	1,986	1,201
1961	3,211	75	2,847	2,722	1,470
4 Months ended October, 1962	18,895	403	9,947	5,287	4,578
1961	17,159	260	9,698	7,828	4,950

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents (a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
1961	4,221	6,111	2,391	3,528	6,612	9,639	79	172	3,110	4,779
10 Months ended October 1961	3,502	5,073	1,980	2,902	5,482	7,975	66	140	2,553	3,903
1962	3,697	5,393	2,073	2,969	5,770	8,362	68	145	2,704	4,036
1962 -										
January	338	505	187	292	525	797	6	26	239	396
February	340	472	220	304	560	776	6	12	276	399
March	347	503	223	324	570	827	9	17	285	424
April	364	515	169	268	533	783	8	20	225	396
May	392	585	216	303	608	888	9	17	275	403
June	352	510	216	297	568	807	9	16	272	397
July	430	621	230	317	660	938	6	9	330	454
August	349	545	185	261	534	806	5	10	246	354
September	394	569	208	298	602	867	5	7	265	396
October	391	568	219	305	610	873	5	11	291	417

(a) Non-casualty accidents prior to 1961 exclude those where estimated damage was £10 or less; from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1961		1962										
		Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	33. 3	34. 2	27. 2	26. 0	20. 1	19. 2	15. 0	10. 4	10. 5	8. 1	9. 8	9. 4	12. 0
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	-	-	47. 1	36. 0	22. 2	27.11	31.11	35. 2	-	-
- Val.	bush.	29. 8	31.11	35. 4	31. 0	30.11	43. 5	30. 9	-	-	-	23.10	22. 7	21. 7
Bananas - Local	lb.	9	1. 1	10	9	10	11	11	1. 2	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 0
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	34. 3	45.10	-	-	20. 6	25.10	26. 0	28. 5	32. 5	30.11	49. 9	51. 6	49. 6
- Other	bush.	33. 9	39. 5	30. 3	27. 7	25. 2	33. 7	34. 0	37. 8	48. 2	54.10	62. 3	64. 0	67. 8
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	30. 0	20. 9	19. 4	19. 0	20. 2	25. 6	22. 4	-	-	-	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	30. 0	31. 5	39. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40. 0
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	26. 6	29. 0	25. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	29. 4	30. 2	29.10	34.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	22. 0	29.11	28.10	21. 0	20.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	Open flat cases	-	29. 3	22. 7	23. 0	22. 5	22. 2	27. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate	7.11	6. 6	9. 5	15. 4	10. 4	6. 6	4.11	5.11	14. 2	10. 2	12. 0	8. 3	4. 7
Cauliflowers	dozen	15. 5	13. 2	-	18. 0	26. 8	9. 0	16. 0	24. 1	24. 1	9. 2	10. 5	22.11	18. 1
Lettuce	crate	12. 8	6. 9	14. 8	24. 5	11. 7	7. 1	7.10	9. 9	20. 5	12.10	5. 9	5.11	6. 2
Table Celery	doz. head	12. 7	9. 4	8. 6	11. 3	12. 0	8. 0	4. 6	4. 7	7. 2	9. 0	8. 5	7. 7	10. 9
Beetroot	cwt.	24. 9	19. 3	27. 8	38. 3	36. 3	28. 5	23. 5	23. 3	33. 6	31. 9	39.10	39. 6	22. 6
Carrots	cwt.	38. 9	22. 6	27. 1	36. 0	34. 0	40. 9	30. 1	23. 6	19.10	20. 7	26. 0	35. 4	34. 8
Parsnips	cwt.	50. 0	31. 4	41. 1	76. 6	69. 5	67. 6	66. 1	63. 8	47. 8	40. 9	35. 0	38.11	28. 4
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	5.10	8. 1	10. 3	12.10	7. 3	5. 3	6. 3	8. 7	17. 3	7. 6	4.10	5. 2	5. 2
Swedes	cwt.	26. 5	23. 5	28. 1	55.10	46. 4	31. 9	34. 7	42. 0	35. 9	28. 6	24. 0	32. 6	24.10
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 6	10	1. 8	1. 8	8	9	1. 0	1. 2	1. 2	1. 5	1. 3	1. 1	10
Peas	lb.	1. 3	1. 3	1. 6	1. 9	1. 9	1. 1	1. 4	1. 8	1. 7	1. 1	10	10	10
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5	7	9	7	5	5	4	4	5	5	6	5	4
Pumpkin	bag	43. 3	34. 0	26. 6	22. 1	23.11	23.11	20. 4	20. 2	21.10	19. 2	21.11	21. 3	25. 2
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	31. 6	26. 8	19. 1	27. 6	21. 9	11. 8	10. 1	25.11	33. 1	27. 8	21. 3	24. 2	27. 8
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	55. 0.0	55. 0.0	50. 0.0	40. 0.0	(b)	(b)
Potatoes (c)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants, delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) Onion Pool closed.

(c) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants, F.O.R. Perth.

BUILDING PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Period	Houses and Flats				Other New Buildings			Total, including Additions & Alterations		
	Private	Govt.	Total		Private	Govt.	Total	Private	Govt.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1960-61	4,791	1,327	6,118	18,860	6,566	7,531	14,097	24,924	11,143	36,067
1961-62	5,016	1,867	6,883	21,711	6,010	8,690	14,700	25,365	14,468	39,883
1961:										
November	480	204	684	2,181	373	286	659	2,217	943	3,160
December	327	245	572	1,770	435	931	1,366	1,764	1,609	3,373
1962:										
January	304	122	426	1,369	255	334	589	1,432	771	2,203
February	461	199	660	2,015	373	279	652	2,045	884	2,929
March	468	254	722	2,177	472	615	1,087	2,199	1,346	3,545
April	388	106	494	1,595	630	267	897	2,154	598	2,752
May	499	104	603	1,935	487	760	1,247	2,427	1,158	3,585
June	405	81	486	1,638	577	962	1,539	2,201	1,250	3,451
July	500	116	616	1,985	1,035	1,021	2,056	2,952	1,407	4,359
August	444	148	592	2,060	794	515	1,309	2,838	941	3,779
September	458	125	583	1,904	475	462	937	2,347	825	3,172
October	540	225	765	2,367	691	575	1,266	2,895	1,122	4,017
November	375	114	489	1,615	480	286	766	2,051	627	2,678

BUILDING OPERATIONS

The figures in the following two tables cover the operations of all builders who accept contracts for the construction of new buildings, "day-labour" building by Government Agencies and the activities of "Owner-Builders".

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings (a)				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc.							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961	1,075	2,963	5,258	17,272	126	1,744	858	10,965	7,317	32,944
1962 -										
March Qr.	278	778	1,117	3,717	29	217	230	2,977	1,654	7,689
June Qr.	247	743	1,451	5,201	26	263	228	3,807	1,952	10,014
Sept. Qr.	202	666	1,725	5,844	53	597	261	5,632	2,241	12,739

(a) Includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Material of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961	4,287	14,834	15	32	1,459	3,820	103	82	5,864	18,768
1962 -										
March Qr.	984	3,367	9	20	324	850	3	4	1,320	4,241
June Qr.	1,244	4,291	59	314	324	947	4	8	1,631	5,561
Sept. Qr.	1,446	5,141	8	21	322	904	3	9	1,779	6,075

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series : Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June						
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
1961	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
1962	123.5	111.7	146.4	107.3	125.3	121.6
Quarters:						
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4
September	123.8	111.6	145.1	107.5	125.7	121.7
December	122.5	111.9	145.5	107.4	125.5	121.3
1962 - March	123.4	111.8	147.1	107.1	124.9	121.5
June	124.2	111.5	147.8	107.2	124.9	121.8
September	124.7	111.7	148.8	107.2	124.8	122.1

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
1960:				1961 (Cont.):			
November	143.9	50.7	194.6	November	143.9	51.0	194.9
December	143.8	51.2	195.0	December	143.5	50.7	194.2
1961:				1962:			
January	142.8	50.0	192.8	January	144.3	50.5	194.8
February	143.1	50.4	193.5	February	145.0	51.0	196.0
March	143.1	50.7	193.8	March	146.3	52.1	198.4
April	143.3	50.8	194.1	April	145.6	52.0	197.6
May	142.8	50.6	193.4	May	146.4	52.1	198.5
June	142.2	49.9	192.1	June	146.5	51.9	198.4
July	142.0	49.9	191.9	July	146.5	51.9	198.4
August	142.9	49.9	192.8	August	146.5	51.9	198.4
September	143.6	50.1	193.7	September	147.2	52.5	199.7
October	143.0	50.4	193.4	October	147.2	52.4	199.6

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1961 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
January	241	232	231	229	234	242	244
February	241	235	233	231	237	241	246
March	240	236	234	233	238	241	247
April	239	234	233	233	237	241	245
May	238	234	230	232	238	239	247
June	235	231	228	229	237	236	246
July	231	229	229	231	239	234	247
August	230	229	229	232	240	237	247
September	233	232	230	233	243	240	249
October	233	232	232	234	242	241	250
November	233	233	231	235	244	242	
December	232	232	231	235	243	242	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1961 are subject to revision.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month.

Item	1961		1962										
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
SHEEP													
Suckers	2.17. 9	3. 6. 2	-	-	-	-	-	4.16. 5	5. 1. 8	3.17. 1	3. 2. 9	3. 1.10	3. 5. 3
Lambs													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	4.15. 3	4.16. 0	5.12. 8	5. 9. 0	3.19. 7	-	-	-
Shorn	2.12. 2	2.14. 3	3. 5. 3	3.12. 4	4. 2. 3	3.17. 5	4. 0. 6	4.10. 8	4. 4.10	3. 4. 2	-	2.10. 2	3. 0. 7
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	-	-	2.17. 8	3. 4. 7	3.11.11	-	3.16. 9	-	-	-	2.12. 3	2.12. 6	2.16.11
Ewes													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.16. 8	3.18.10	3. 4. 7	-	2. 6. 5	-
Shorn	1.13.10	2. 3. 3	2. 8. 8	2.12. 0	2.12. 3	2.14.10	3. 4. 8	2.18.10	2.16. 2	2. 3. 4	1.18. 9	1.14. 0	1.14. 7
Wethers													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	3.16. 5	4. 0. 5	3.15. 9	4. 6. 0	4.14. 3	3.18. 0	-	-	-
Shorn	2. 8. 6	2.13.10	2.16. 6	3. 2. 7	3. 2. 9	2.19. 7	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 8	3.11. 8	2. 8. 0	2.10. 8	2. 6. 8	2. 7.10
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	35.19. 9	33. 5. 5	33. 6.10	33.17.11	34.17. 8	34. 0. 1	34.19. 4	36. 6. 3	35.18. 9	38.14. 6	38.14. 4	37.13.10	34. 9. 4
Heifers	-	-	-	34.12. 5	36.14. 5	-	36. 6. 6	40.16. 0	43.10.11	42.14.10	40.14.11	-	-
Cows	40. 5. 6	41.10. 3	43. 0. 5	40.18. 8	42.18.11	44. 0. 4	42. 6. 9	45.10. 5	42.10. 8	45.18. 7	43. 8. 8	40.12. 0	39.14. 0
Steers	45.14. 2	47. 3. 6	46. 4. 8	45. 9.11	45.15. 4	47.11. 5	45.16. 2	54. 0.10	52. 5. 3	50. 3. 7	49.14. 7	44. 8. 0	45. 8. 9
Bullocks	53.18. 6	53.14.11	-	-	-	-	-	63. 9. 3	56.16. 4	58.14. 7	52.12. 0	51. 2. 5	53.15. 5
PIGS													
Slips	-	-	-	3.11. 8	-	-	-	-	3.15. 0	4.15. 6	6. 1. 3	-	-
Porkers	8. 7.11	8. 0.11	7. 7. 8	8. 1. 6	8.10. 4	8. 4. 1	8. 3.11	8.17. 6	8.17.10	9. 9. 6	10.12. 7	10.15. 0	11. 3. 4
Baconers	11. 6. 1	11. 0. 0	11. 3.11	11. 0. 4	12.13. 4	12. 0. 7	11.14. 1	12.18. 6	13.16. 2	14. 8.11	14.16.11	15.11. 4	16. 2. 7

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	-	4. 8	-	-	-	3. 5	3. 2	3. 3	3. 4	3. 4	3. 3	2.10	2.10
" Cocks	3. 1	4. 1	-	-	3. 4	3. 4	3. 1	3. 3	3. 3	3. 3	3. 2	3. 1	3. 0
Ducks	3. 2	3. 0	2. 3	2. 2	2. 1	1.10	1.10	1.11	2. 2	2. 3	2. 6	2. 8	2.11
Drakes	3. 2	3. 3	2. 4	2. 1	2. 1	1.11	1.10	2. 0	2. 1	2. 3	2. 6	2. 9	3. 1
Geese	-	2. 8	-	-	-	-	2. 0	1.10	-	1. 8	-	1. 7	-
Cockerels	2.10	3. 0	2. 8	2. 8	2.10	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2. 8	2. 6	2. 5	2. 7
Capons	3. 0	3. 2	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	3. 1	3. 0	3. 0	2.11	2.10	2. 8	2. 6	2. 7
Hens	1.11	1.10	1. 9	1. 9	2. 0	2. 2	1.11	2. 0	2. 0	2. 0	2. 0	2. 0	1.11

INSTALMENT CREDIT OPERATIONS OF RETAIL BUSINESSES AND NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES

(£'000)

Period	Amount Financed during period (excluding Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance)				Balances Outstanding at end of period (including Hiring Charges, etc.)
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.	Plant and Machinery	Household and Personal Goods (a)	Total (All Goods)	
HIRE PURCHASE					
1959-60	15,386	1,736	9,819	26,941	34,792
1960-61	14,568	2,021	7,789	24,378	38,050
Quarters -					
1961 - March	2,898	354	1,720	4,972	38,344
June	3,095	351	1,900	5,346	38,050
September	3,151	380	1,664	5,195	37,459
December	3,520	1,041	1,971	6,532	38,598
1962 - March	3,815	595	1,421	5,831	36,917
ALL OTHER INSTALMENT CREDIT (b)					
1959-60	1,887	32	4,311	6,230	4,232
1960-61	1,155	43	6,398	7,596	5,982
Quarters -					
1961 - March	248	7	1,086	1,341	5,585
June	215	10	1,408	1,633	5,982
September	223	14	1,507	1,744	6,358
December	240	11	1,614	1,865	7,006
1962 - March	352	11	1,445	1,808	7,435
TOTAL INSTALMENT CREDIT					
1959-60	17,273	1,768	14,130	33,171	39,024
1960-61	15,723	2,064	14,187	31,974	44,032
Quarters -					
1961 - March	3,146	361	2,806	6,313	43,929
June	3,310	361	3,308	6,979	44,032
September	3,374	394	3,171	6,939	43,817
December	3,760	1,052	3,585	8,397	45,604
1962 - March	4,167	606	2,866	7,639	44,352

(a) See footnote (a) below. (b) Includes Time Payment, Budget Account, Personal Loan Schemes, etc.

INSTALMENT CREDIT OPERATIONS OF NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES

(£'000)

Period	Amount Financed during period (excluding Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance)				Collections during period (including Hiring Charges etc.)	Balances Outstanding at end of period (incl. Hiring Charges etc.)	
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.		Plant and Machinery	Household and Personal Goods (a)			Total (All Goods)
	New	Used					
1959-60	15,047		1,346	3,303	19,696	24,372	
1960-61	13,491		1,565	2,431	17,487	25,511	
1961 - June	853		62	171	1,086	25,511	
July	426	434	50	166	1,076	25,226	
August	571	521	115	163	1,370	25,208	
September	519	372	120	163	1,174	25,122	
October	542	520	534	218	1,814	25,690	
November	716	505	290	260	1,771	26,115	
December	512	492	130	275	1,409	26,378	
1962 - January	565	649	121	222	1,557	26,209	
February	576	545	150	169	1,440	25,012	
March	710	602	255	152	1,719	25,230	
April) (b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	25,739	
May						26,487	
June						27,058	

(a) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (b) Not yet available.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(& million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food-stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware(b)	Electrical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chemists' Goods	News-papers, Books, Stationery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
1960-61	32.6	12.4	22.6	20.6	27.7	5.0	12.4	15.5	7.8	6.7	5.0	23.5	191.8	68.7
1961-62	35.1	12.9	23.5	21.1	29.0	5.1	13.0	14.2	8.4	7.1	5.4	24.7	199.5	75.1
Sept. Qr.														
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	7.7	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	44.9	18.3
1961	8.6	3.2	5.5	4.5	7.2	1.2	3.1	3.5	2.0	1.7	1.2	4.8	46.5	16.3
1962	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	49.7	(g)
Dec. Qr.														
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	8.6	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	51.9	18.7
1961	9.4	3.3	6.1	5.9	8.1	1.4	3.6	4.1	2.3	1.9	1.5	6.1	53.7	18.5
March Qr.														
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	8.0	3.1	6.1	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	6.6	47.5	15.7
1962	8.4	3.1	6.2	5.9	6.2	1.1	3.1	3.4	2.0	1.7	1.4	6.7	49.2	19.4
June Qr.														
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	8.3	3.2	5.3	4.5	7.3	1.3	2.9	3.8	1.8	1.7	1.2	6.2	47.5	16.0
1962	8.7	3.3	5.7	4.8	7.5	1.4	3.2	3.2	2.1	1.8	1.3	7.1	50.1	20.9

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

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COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
		1962(a)	1961(a)	1962(a)	1961(a)
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	569	234	2,004	1,868
Bricks - Clay (b)	'000	9,730	8,936	37,831	34,702
Fibrous Plaster - Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	138	113	569	451
" " - Acoustic Tiles	sq. yds.	1,744	1,825	7,669	7,920
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	3,273	2,586	11,267	9,504
Plaster of Paris	"	2,052	1,231	7,912	5,804
Ready-Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	39,801	35,712	146,324	127,996
Tiles Roofing - Cement	'000	(c)	315	(c)	1,222
Timber, Sawn (from Local Logs) (d)	'000 super. ft.	17,856	17,975	68,716	70,763
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	282	586	1,499	2,904
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	658	430	2,774	1,872
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	5,559	5,468	20,996	17,727
Suits - Men's - 2 & 3 piece	number	1,034	1,635	4,127	6,277
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	10,539	9,790	39,508	31,581
- Work	"	11,100	12,080	40,492	50,181
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	78,639	66,087	277,946	240,364
Slippers	"	14,318	11,757	49,426	38,816
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	472	454	1,349	1,218
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	26,704	30,676	72,304	70,267
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	895	789	3,018	2,538
Butter	"	2,352	2,519	7,999	9,538
Cheese	"	506	470	1,631	1,574
Flour (excl. Self-raising Flour)	ton (2,000 lb.)	13,169	14,399	45,147	59,036
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	ton	25	13	83	95
Sulphuric	"	21,542	15,530	80,287	62,800
Coal	"	91,579	88,282	336,114	340,551
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	100,108	90,954	405,341	365,791
Gas (Town) Produced	million cub. ft.	126	126	516	529
Mattresses - Soft Filled (e)	number	3,318	2,221	12,077	10,168
Pig Iron	ton	4,003	3,732	13,961	17,291
Superphosphate	"	65,918	39,386	228,666	169,605
Wool-Scoured	'000 lb.	2,978	2,783	9,821	9,805

(a) Preliminary figures, subject to revision.

(b) Standard size.

(c) Not available for publication.

(d) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super. feet.

(e) Includes mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge,
but excludes inner-spring mattresses.

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